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Dr. Joseph A. Sonneman  
324-A South Willoughby  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Sonneman:

I must apologize for my tardiness in responding to your letter of June 11, 1979 but we have been waiting for information recently published that may clarify the concerns expressed in your letter commenting on our preliminary determination of approvability of ARCO/SOHIO's proposal to install several gas fired turbines at the Prudhoe Bay oil field. The enclosed document, West to East Crude Oil Transportation Systems, is provided for your review and will hopefully address your concerns. We have taken the liberty of forwarding your comments to the Bureau of Land Management. However, we recommend that you follow this up with an independent submission of comments after you review the document.

Again we apologize for our dilatory response to your concerns, but the material was not available to us until recently. If you have any further questions please contact Ray Nye of my staff at (206) 442-7176.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Johnston, Chief  
New Source Permits Section

Enclosure

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May 19, 1979

Michael M. Johnston, Chief  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region X  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop 513  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Thank you for your letter of May 17, 1979, and for the copies of the final determination and the application of ARCO/SOHIO to expand production facilities at Prudhoe Bay.

Webster's definition of "ecology" is "the totality or pattern of relations between organisms and their environment."

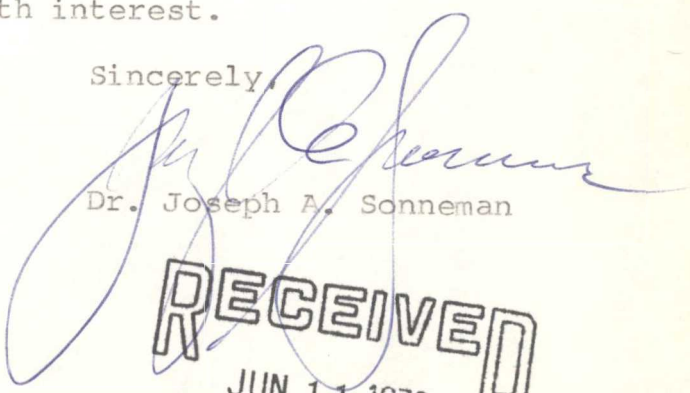
The comments I had made regarding the results of increasing pipeline throughput, whether through additional gas turbine construction or through merely further opening of a valve, concern themselves with that totality.

If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency does not concern itself with the total picture, then who does? If the comments I made really "may have considerable merit," but are "beyond the purview" of the PSD program", to whom are such comments properly addressed?

The above are not rhetorical questions: what Federal governmental agency should I write to? Within whose purview do these questions fall? Is there court appeal of your decisions (...or your non-decisions, since the subject matter of the comments is outside your bailiwick, perhaps.)

I await your early reply with interest.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Joseph A. Sonneman

cc: U.S. Senator Mike Gravel  
U.S. Senator Ted Stevens  
Lou Pugliaresi, Director  
Division of Oil, DOE  
Governor Jay Hammond

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